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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants (collectively, "Applicant") hereby respond to the First Office Action mailed September 5, 2003 ("Office Action"), regarding the above-referenced application ("Application"), and submit the following Remarks together with amended paragraphs of the Specification, amended Claims, corrected Drawings, and seven new Claims. In view of the remarks, amendments, and corrections, Applicant respectfully solicits an allowance of the previously rejected Claims and of seven new Claims. This Response is submitted within four (4) months of the mailing date of the Office Action and a petition for a one-month extension of time to respond, and petition fee, are enclosed.

Applicant requests that the Application be amended as follows.

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